

The Weekly Ledger

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HELP the Modern Woodmen give Mexico a first-class band.

THE new \$50,000 government building will go a long way toward making Mexico a city.

WORK on the new electric line to Perry is proceeding rapidly and most satisfactory to all concerned.

IT seems like a job of having an \$80,000 government building located in a town where everybody is fighting street paving.

THE city government proposes to see that no train or garbage is thrown on the streets, or in the alleys of Mexico. Of course the north side alley is exempt from this rule.

THE Knights and Ladies of Security had a most interesting convention in Mexico Wednesday. Mexico is becoming a popular Convention City.

A woman judge fine a wife-beater five hundred dollars the other day. He was very inconsiderate of the poor wife who will have to hustle around and raise the money for the fine.

A prohibition officer out west has discovered that cigarettes will cure the drink habit. Now let him redouble his inventive faculty and see if he cannot find the drink that will cure the cigarette habit.

IT is said that d'Annunzio, the Italian hero, has purchased a suit of clothes of a deep violet color to match his complexion. It would seem that a man with a complexion like that had better take rhubarb colicynth or calomel.

PUBLIC spirited citizens of Mexico generally are always glad to contribute toward the building of churches of every denomination in Mexico. It does seem as though the Churches should refuse to protest against street paving, and public improvements of that character.

WHAT is the use of Mexico people talking about the farmers improving their roads, when they protest against paving the streets in front of their own property? Some of the worst roads in the country are inside of the city limits, and in one or two cases within a block or so of the square.

In today's Ledger will be found a communication to J. W. Millon from Attorney-General Hadley, which explains itself. General Hadley insists that his decision regarding the August primary is correct, and that this primary is not a general election, which would interfere in any way with the local option election to be held in Mexico during June.

THE people of Marion county have voted \$75,000 for an infirmary to take the place of the old-fashioned poor farm. Quite a number of counties throughout the State are moving in this direction, and we trust the Auditor General will take the matter up shortly and give the people a chance to vote on it.

THE Methodist church has protested against paying Promenade street and the "wet" are tickled to death. They claim this shows how much improvement Mexico would have if the church people had to get along without the saloon license. It is hard for the Ledger to understand what this protest means.

SEVERAL complaints have come to the Ledger regarding cans and barrels of all kinds being dumped on the country roads, especially south of Mexico. This is most objectionable and the guilty parties should be very careful or they will be prosecuted. The public highway is not a place for a dumping ground.

A highly appreciated old subscriber of the Mexico Ledger on receiving a statement regarding the government ruling, called this week and paid to Jan. 1, 1911. Another gentleman, who received the same kind of statement, refused to pay what he was in arrears, because he could not extend his credit further. Really, that contention seems to be the limit.

HON. W. H. WALLACE, of Kansas City, candidate for Governor of Missouri, will speak at the Court House in Mexico at 7:30 Saturday evening. May second. Judge Wallace will speak on law enforcement, in general, but with special reference to two great moral issues, namely "Sunday Laws" and "Our Liquor Laws."

THE Ledger is delighted to know that there is now a probability of Mexico having a good, first-class band. The Modern Woodmen of Mexico have taken hold of this matter, and if the citizens generally will assist them there is no reason why we cannot have one of the best bands in the state before the big Auditor County Fair comes off.

THE Mexico Ledger congratulates the Christian Church of Mexico on an evening Rev. Walter M. White, of Lexington, Ky., to succeed Rev. A. W. Kokenodfer, who has accepted the pastorate of the First Christian Church at Sedalia. The Christian Church of Mexico is one of our strongest churches and we predict much success for Rev. Mr. White, who comes to Mexico with the best wishes of his congregation and of our people generally.

DR. WILBUR F. CRAFT, of Washington City, delivered a splendid address on "World Wide Prohibition."

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ACCOMPLISHED GIRL

Little Miss Katherine Rodgers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Rodgers, publishes a beautiful Song.

Little Miss Katherine J. Rodgers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Rodgers, of Mexico, published in the May number of the Designer a beautiful little song, entitled "The May Party." The song was written when Katherine was six years old, and was dedicated to "Uncle Bob" (Judge B. D. Rodgers, of Mexico, who is an uncle of the little Miss).

The following are the words of the song:

Listen to the music of the life and drum,
Fire and drum, life and drum,
Hip hurrah it tells us all that spring has come,
Happy May-time now is here, Glad May-time.

Listen to the shouting of the girls and boys,
Girls and boys, girls and boys,
Everyone is brimming full of fun and noise,
Now is the time for joy and happy cheer.

Archibald shall be the king with crown so bright,
Crown so bright, crown so bright,
Ginta Rose shall be the Queen in veil of white,
Fairer Queen in all the land, glad May-lane.

Uncle Bob is marching, too, with loads of food,
Loads of food, loads of food,
Mama's pies and cakes and jellies good,
Such a jolly May-day band.

Chorus: Marching, Marching, happy little soldiers every one,
Dancing, Fringing, May party's the best of fun.

PORTS ENLISTED FOR BOOSE CAUSE.

The prohibitionists have demonstrated the effectiveness of poems, pictures and quips to such an extent that the co-borts of King Barleycorn have followed suit. In the recent Illinois campaign many postcards were sent out by the "wets" in efforts to win votes.

On one of the cards the imaginative artist has shown a frantic prohibitionist after election smashing prohibitionist motives with a hammer when he gets a notice of increase in taxes in "Dry Town."

And there is the lament which is credited to this man with the hammer:

Nobody works in our town—
Haven't a thing to do;
Business gone to blazes,
Saloons and markets, too,
Farmers gone to Wet Town;
Of us they're awful shy;
Sales 'way down and taxes up
Since we went dry.

The next effusion is illuminated with the picture of a heartbroken bartender, for whose benefit is sung:

Hush, little "barkeep,"
Don't cry;
You will be a druggist
By and by.

The next picture an overworked drug store clerk is shown, with this chunk of wisdom from the poet's typewriter:

Ring out the old style;
Bring in the new;
Close up the drugstore,
And factories, too.
Wine is a mocker,
We will drink it no more,
We can now get a good jag
At the corner drug store.

And so it went through a long series.—St. Louis Chronicle.

FARMER Gives Wife to Another and Warns Him.

Kansas City, Mo., April 25.—L. W. Bingham, a farmer, 36 years old, has given the Runks-Millars act and given his wife to another man, also, a farmer, and at the same time notified the chosen one that if he does not treat her well there will be a shooting war.

Bingham came to Kansas City Tuesday night looking for his wife, Thelma, who is 23 years old, and Walter F. Wyatt, a lineman, 26. He said they had eloped and he wanted them arrested. Friday the police caught Bingham and Wyatt and confronted them with the husband.

Bingham was glad to see his wife and she beamed happily on him. There seemed to be no animosity toward Wyatt.

The three left the police station together. In the afternoon they all returned and there were signs of war.

WIFE MAKES HER CHOICE.

Bingham said to his wife: "Now you choose between me and that man."

Ms. Bingham said she preferred Wyatt.

The husband acquiesced. Then he turned to Wyatt and said: "Now she has taken you, and if you don't treat her right, by the eternal, I'll get a gun and hunt you up and kill you."

STORMS KILL 12; COVER WIDE AREA WEST AND SOUTH

Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma and Mississippi feel wrath of Elements—A Heavy Property Loss.

Memphis, Tenn., April 24.—A tornado swept over Walla, Miss., at 2 o'clock this morning and destroyed the town. Three persons were killed and several were injured. A relief train has left for the scene.

FOUR DEAD IN TEXAS.

Paris, Texas, April 23.—The eastern half of DePort, 20 miles southeast of here, was destroyed by a cyclone at 6 o'clock Thursday. Twenty-five residences, the cotton oil mill, the Baptist and Presbyterian Churches were destroyed. W. R. Isbell, a druggist, was crushed to death in the collapse of his residence. His wife and four children had sought safety in the storm cellar and escaped injury.

The storm cut a path several hundred yards through the town and was followed by a torrential rain which caused the creek to rise so that rescue work was retarded.

Oak Grove, west of Clarksville, is reported almost destroyed. Many houses were demolished. No loss of life is reported.

Three negroes were killed, three whites were injured and several houses were destroyed by the storm which passed over Nixon, 10 miles from Ennis.

BART DIED IN TORNADO.

PENDEX, N. H., April 24.—While Samuel Mangelsen and his family were eating dinner, a cyclone took their home from over their heads.

Not a board of the house, a two-story dwelling, can be found. Mangelsen's 1-year-old daughter was killed, and he was seriously injured. None of the other members of the family was badly hurt.

Mother Thinks Harry Sane.

New York, April 25.—Col. Franklin Bartlett, counsel for William Thaw, made a statement to a reporter today correcting erroneous statements that have appeared in print and authorities setting forth the attitude of that family toward the release of Harry Thaw from Matewan.

Col. Bartlett was quoted as saying that no member of the Thaw family would appear at Poughkeepsie in connection with Harry Thaw's release. He said to day:

"I do not know whether or not any member of the Thaw family will appear in the proceedings at Poughkeepsie. I am not of counsel to obtain the release of Mr. Thaw, but I know that Mr. Graham had been retained in that matter. Mr. Thaw made that selection himself. Mrs. William Thaw is entirely in sympathy with the release proceedings, as she believes that Mr. Thaw is now absolutely sane."

"I wish to correct erroneous statements that attempts had been made in New York to secure counsel in the release proceedings. I am informed that no application was made to any lawyer in New York, and consequently such an application could not have been refused."

"I also desire to say that the informal conclusions printed that the Thaw family do not approve of the movements for Harry K. Thaw's release at this time is erroneous. The family do approve of the move. Mrs. William Thaw was originally opposed to the removal of her son to Matewan and she now emphatically approves the movement to effect his release on the ground that he is perfectly sane."

Attorney John G. Graham will appear before Judge Morehouse at Poughkeepsie today and make application for a writ of habeas corpus compelling the production of Thaw in court and the proof of the claim that he is not mentally competent to receive his liberty.

The writ will be directed against the authorities of Matewan asylum, who will be the only ones interested. District Attorney Jerome cannot officially appear in the case, and although he has applied to the district attorney of Columbia county for permission to appear as a witness against Thaw, it is entirely optional with the Columbia county official as to whether he will be called or not. A strong effort will be made on the part of Thaw's relatives and counsel to prevent Jerome's appearance and it is possible that he will not be asked to appear in the case.

Man Loses Reward.

On Saturday, May 2nd, a "loose man," who was in Mexico and in adjacent country will be on the streets of Mexico between the hours of 12 m. and 9 p. m.

The person apprehending him with these exact words, "Give me 100 SENATE CHAMBER, STRICTLY HAND AND UNION MADE 50 CIGARS," get the cigars.

\$100.00 given away to any one finding any crookedness whatever in the SENATE CHAMBER. CIGAR.

Everybody ask everybody. It may be your own brother. Literally, 100 SENATE CHAMBER CIGAR for the ASKING.

Mr. Berk, a prominent citizen of St. Louis, is in Mexico with his wife and two children. Mrs. Berk is the sister of Mrs. Louis Philip. Mr. Berk came to Mexico the first time forty years ago when Louis went into business here and was much delighted with the many and substantial improvements which have taken place in Mexico since that time. Few towns have advanced more rapidly, and at the same time conservatively, than Mexico, which is going to be a city before you know it.

Miss Virginia Dyas to Wed.

Miss Virginia Dyas, well known in this city, has issued invitations to attend the marriage of her daughter, Miss Virginia, to Mr. Berry McAlister, at the First Christian Church in Columbia, Mo., May the twelfth, 1908.

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Center Point.....	3
Wilmer.....	5
Concordia Parish.....	60
Richland.....	4
Lamarie.....	1
Sheridan.....	9
Natchez section.....	97

MISSISSIPPI.

Purvis.....	62
Adams County.....	35
Churk Hill.....	40
Near Port Gibson.....	1
Jefferson County.....	19
Lorman.....	1
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